## WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – January 10, 2017

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect Channel 2's significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

Time period of day, day of week, source and format descriptions follow the first appearance of the broadcast name. Date references refer to broadcast days. All times given are approximate.

## **Programs**

CBS 2 News This Morning, CBS 2 News at Noon, CBS 2 News at 5:00, CBS 2 News at 6:00, CBS 2 News at 11:00, CBS 2 News Saturday, CBS 2 News Sunday - Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30-11 a.m.

McLaughlin Group - Regularly scheduled half-hour show featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. This program was broadcast up through August 16, 2016. Sunday, 11 - 11:30 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

"Health Watch" – features of varying lengths focusing on health related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

"Money Watch" – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements- WCBS-TV continues its tradition of airing and sponsoring PSAs. PSAs in rotation stem from various organizations such as, Project Roadblock – Drunk Driving Campaign, CASA Family Day, Partnership for Drug Free Kids, A Safer City, The Make-A-Wish-Foundation of Metro New York, Food Bank NYC, New York City Department of Transportation Vision Zero, New Alternatives for Children, City Harvest, Texting and Driving, Project Roadblock (drunk driving prevention), Ad Council, and United Way.

<u>Health</u>: Topics in this category include: Two confirmed cases of Legionnaires Disease in the Bronx; A new form of birth control for men and a high school in Connecticut had a MRSA outbreak affecting three athletes.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 10/14 Anchor Mary Calvi reports an Upper West Side mother is having health issues due to the mold found in her apartment building. The management company has been slow on fixing the mold issue. CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON: 11/3 Anchor Chris Wragge reports 20 students from a school in Brooklyn were sent home sick over the last two days with what officials claim students have been coming down with symptoms that resemble Norovirus, including nausea and vomiting. The FDNY did a thorough sweep of the building for environmental hazards and Carbon monoxide. They were ruled out. The building was disinfected and health officials have not yet pinpointed the exact cause of illness. CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM: 10/17 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports that Apple Cider Vinegar has been used for medicinal purposes for centuries and is now back as a health trend. The health benefits of drinking Apple Cider Vinegar is that it is full of vitamins, probiotics and enzymes, and it is also being turned to as a treatment for everything from combatting cholesterol, to weight loss. Nutritionists suggest drinking an organic unfiltered teaspoonful, mixed into a glass of water 30 minutes before a meal. 10/27 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on a new form of birth control that is under review for men. Researchers in Europe, Asia and Australia injected 320 men with the sex hormone Progesterone and Testosterone, after six months their sperm counts decreased dramatically. Four pregnancies were reported during the study which was published in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism. New trials have been halted due to side effects like depression and mood disorders. 11/11 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports the uncertainty of Obama Care has some women worried about the cost of birth control. 11/15 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on two confirmed cases of Legionnaires Disease at a high rise building in the Bronx. The building is located at 1600 Sedgwick Avenue in Morris Heights. The Health Department stated one of the cases occurred last year. Inspectors are still locating the source but claim the risk of infections are very low. 12/7 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on the worst Mumps outbreak in decades. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are 2800 cases in the United States as of last month. Most of the cases are in Arkansas and Iowa. Despite widespread vaccination requirements, Mumps outbreaks have been reported on several college campuses. Most of the cases are in Arkansas and Iowa. CBS 2 **NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 10/19 Anchor Dana Tyler reports nearly 30 thousand people are being told to have their blood tested in Newburgh/Orange County after potentially cancer-causing chemicals were found in their drinking water. New York's Health Department has stated starting November 1<sup>st</sup>; residents can get tested for a chemical that is linked to cancer. Authorities said the chemical got into Lake Washington from firefighting foam that was used at the Stewart Air National Guard Base that is nearby.

Health officials have stated that Newburgh has been switched to a clean water source. 10/20 Anchor Dana Tyler reports that a high school in Connecticut has an outbreak of MRSA. It has been contracted by three athletes at the school. MRSA is staph infection that can cause skin irritation and if left untreated it can get worse. It is spread by contacting open wounds or sharing personal items. School officials have informed the parents and stated as long as doctor's orders are followed there is no major risk that it will continue to spread. 10/25 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports New York City is stepping up its efforts to help those with mental illness. First Lady Chirlane McCray announced the NYC Well Program; an expansion of the LifeNet service which focused on suicide prevention. The new service will also help people with persistent mental health problems like depression or anxiety and will provide counseling to those in need. 11/23 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on a stranded humpback whale found off of Long Island that had to be euthanized. The 25 foot whale had gotten stuck on a sandbar in Moriches Bay over the weekend. A veterinary team found the whale thin and weak and barely responsive. Marine Biologists plan to conduct a necropsy but say when whales become stranded it generally indicates underlying health issues. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 10/22 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports that studies have shown "city dwellers" are more likely to suffer from anxiety and mood disorders. And, with more than two thirds of the world population expected to live in cities by 2050. Mental Health experts suggests going to the park, living close to or spending time in green spaces daily exercise, which are all ways to decrease the risk of depression and our better for your mental and physical health. Most importantly, be aware of your environment, observing the area around you can help restore a sense of control.

<u>Government and Politics:</u> Topics in this category include: Donald Trump being elected the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States; A billboard controversy regarding the state of NY's "I Love New York" highway campaign that cost 76 million dollars and two people were convicted in the George Washington Bridge Scandal.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 10/3 Anchor Mary Calvi reports due to the wake of terror bombings in New York and New Jersey in September, Senator Charles Schumer is warning of the so called 'dirty bombs' that use radioactive material. Schumer revealed what the government accountability office was able to obtain in a bombshell reports. Schumer urged the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to close loopholes that could allow criminals to illegally obtain radioactive materials. 10/31 Anchor Mary Calvi reports closing arguments resumed this morning and are happening now in the trial over the scandal on the George Washington Bridge. 11/9 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a billboard controversy regarding the state of New York's 515 massive billboards that were put up on highways across the state at a cost of 76 million dollars in part of the "I Love New York" campaign.

A Federal highway administration official said the initial request to install the billboards was denied because they are considered ads and a distraction to drivers. Governor Cuomo believes an agreement can be reached to continue the campaign. The Federal Highway Administration is asking for a timetable for removal. No word on what this would cost taxpayers. 11/9 Anchor Chris Wragge reports Donald Trump is elected the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 10/5 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on the status of the George Washington Bridge Scandal. After eight days on the stand, David Wildstein, the government's key witness finished testifying today in the scandal at the George Washington Bridge. Wildstein told the court yesterday that Governor Christie's Chief of Staff reached out to Governor Cuomo's office. Wildstein claimed the two governors talked about releasing a false report to try to diffuse the growing scandal. These allegations were denied by Governor Cuomo. 11/15 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a former New Jersey Attorney General and U.S. Senator Jeffrey Chiesa will head the state takeover of Atlantic City. Chiesa is a longtime Governor Christie associate and will oversee the efforts to keep the gambling resort from falling into bankruptcy. Atlantic City is half a billion dollars in debt. Last week, a state board voted to give the Christie administration control over key functions of the city's government, including breaking union contracts and selling city assets. CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM: 11/15 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports Donald Trump is beginning his presidential transition and has requested top security clearances for his adult children. 12/20 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports Bill Baroni and Bridget Kelly have been convicted in a plot to orchestrate traffic jams around the George Washington Bridge to punish a mayor who did not endorse Governor Christie. CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM: 11/16 Anchor Dana Tyler reports the NJ Transit train engineer now claims he had undiagnosed sleep apnea at the time of the accident when the train was traveling at twice the required speed limit and killed a woman and injured 100 others. A government source said the conductor's condition is now being considered a possible cause of the crash. CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY: 10/15 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports New Jersey Transit is set to resume full service at the Hoboken Terminal a Monday morning. The terminal closed down last month after the crash that killed on woman and injured more than 100 others. New Jersey lawmakers are asking the Federal Government for 10 million dollars to install an automatic train speed control system. CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY: 10/16 Reporter Hazel Sanchez reports that today, WikiLeaks has released another massive round of hacked emails from Hilary Clinton's campaign chairman, John Podesta. The information the emails contain is related to how to better handle issues related to Clinton's health and her private email server.

<u>Consumer:</u> Topics in this category include: Sabra Dipping Company recall on hummus due to Listeria contamination; a Yahoo email privacy breach by the government and an alert on bagged salad juices that can increase the chances of developing food poisoning.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 10/5 Anchor Chris Wragge reports that Yahoo consumers should know their accounts are being looked at according to a report by Reuters that Yahoo developed a program last year to search customer's emails for specific information sought by the U.S. Intelligence officials. Reuters claimed this was in response to a government directive and Yahoo commented claiming it is a law abiding company. However, Google has come out with a tweet stating they would not have complied with such an order. CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY: 11/20 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports on a recall of hummus due to possible Listeria contamination. The popular brand, Sabra Dipping Company claims the products affected were manufactured before November 8<sup>th</sup> at a plant where Listeria monocytogenes were found. Consumers are urged to discard any product with a best before date through January 23, 2017 on the lid. 11/20 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports on a new study that found juices from salad leaves in bagged salads can increase your risk of getting food poisoning. The study out of England found the juice stimulates the growth of Salmonella inside the bag and despite refrigeration the bacteria can continue to grow. Experts recommend consumers avoid bags with mushed up leaves and eat opened bagged salads as soon as possible.

<u>Crime:</u> Topics in this category include: a 49 year old woman pushed to her death in front of a moving subway train and a baby found in a shoe box on a family's porch in 40 degree weather in Brentwood, NY.

CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM: 11/8 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports a woman waiting on a subway track for the 1 train was pushed in front of an oncoming train by a woman with a mental health disorder. The victim was 49 years old and pushed to her death. The woman in custody stood before a judge and pleaded not guilty to second degree murder charges. CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY: 11/12 Anchor Jessica Moore reports a baby was found in a shoe box on a family's porch in 40 degree weather in Brentwood, NY. Thankfully, the baby is doing well and is in good health.